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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 24 November 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Haiti (S/1999/1184)

UNDOF (S/1999/1175)*

Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/1999/1116 and Corr.1)**

Other matters

* With a view to a formal meeting.

** Possibly followed by a formal meeting.

MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	1418th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 9

Announcement

An open debate of the Security Council will be held on Monday, 29 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the role of the Security Council in the prevention of armed conflicts.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

9 a.m. 4th meeting Conference Room 4

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly and allocation of items: request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by several Member States (A/54/235) [8]

10 a.m. 62nd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Oceans and the law of the sea [40]:

   (a) Law of the sea:

      (i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/429 and Corr.1 (English only) and Corr.2 (French only))

      (ii) Draft resolution (A/54/L.31)

   (b) Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982, relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks:

      (i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/461)

      (ii) Draft resolution (A/54/L.28)

   (c) Results of the review by the Commission on Sustainable Development of the sectoral theme of "oceans and seas":

      (i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/429 and Corr.1 (English only) and Corr.2 (French only))

      (ii) Draft resolution (A/54/L.32)

2. Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal: draft resolution (A/54/L.26) [22]

3. Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic [41]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/447)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.35)

INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

3 p.m closed meeting Conference Room 7

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items conducted by H.E. Mr. Jørgen Bøjer (Denmark)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	43rd meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.31 and L.41

2. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [99]

   (g) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.9 and L.45

3. Environment and sustainable development [100]

   (b) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.29 and L.43

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.28 and L.44

4. Operational activities for development [101]

   (b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.5 and L.47

5. Training and research [102]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.26 and L.42

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.30 and L.46

6. Macroeconomic policy questions [97]

   (c) Trade and development

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.40

7. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [103]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.32

3.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Giovanni Brauzzi (Italy), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.4 *(item 97 (d))*

Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.10 *(item 99 (d))*, A/C.2/54/L.11 *(item 99 (e))*, A/C.2/54/L.21 *(item 99 (c))* and A/C.2/54/L.27 *(item 98 (a))*

Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.7 *(item 100)*, A/C.2/54/L.15 *(item 100 (c))* and A/C.2/54/L.23 *(item 100 (f))*

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/54/6/Rev.1, Vol. II, A/54/7 and A/54/16, (Part II: Political affairs, Section 5. Peacekeeping operations, Section 6. Peaceful uses of outer space, Part III: International justice and law, Section 7. International Court of Justice, Section 8. Legal affairs (A/53/643)))

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 124 (Pattern of Conferences (A/54/32, A/54/176, A/54/208, A/54/221, A/54/262, A/53/833, A/53/919 and Corr.1 (French only), and Add.1 and Corr.1 (Russian only), and Add.2 and Corr.1 (French only), A/54/7, A/52/1000, A/52/7, A/53/257, A/51/946, A/52/685, A/53/16 and A/53/669))

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Programme budget implications: MINUGUA
2. Programme budget implications : The situation in Central America
3. United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL)

DISARMAMENT COMMISSION

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Open-ended informal consultations on substantive agenda items and other organizational matters

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE SITUATION WITH REGARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room E

Informal consultations: proposed draft resolution on agenda item 18 (Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples)

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-470A
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-470A

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (c)

The delegation of Belarus, on behalf of the co-sponsors, invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on draft resolution A/54/L.22 on the strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster, to be held *today*, 24 November 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 in the suite of offices of Conference Room 1.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (b)

The delegation of the Russian Federation invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution on the assistance for humanitarian relief and the economic rehabilitation and reconstruction of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, to be held *today*, 24 November 1999, at 10.30 a.m. in Room CB-3 (suite of offices of Conference Room 3).

Informal consultations on agenda item 20

The delegation of Finland, on behalf of the European Union, invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the European Union draft resolution on safety and security of humanitarian personnel and the protection of the United Nations personnel, to be held *today*, 24 November 1999, at 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" will hold informal consultations *today*, 24 November 1999, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 1. The informal consultations will focus on the draft text of a political declaration for the special session. Copies of the revised text are available in the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1216). Informal consultations will also be held during the week of 29 November focusing on the basic structure of the outcome of the session, as well as modalities for participation by non-governmental organizations.

Announcements

SECOND COMMITTEE

Copies of the compilation of amendments proposed to draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.36 (Trade and development) (item 97 (c)) and A/C.2/54/L.37 (Least Developed Countries) (item97 (c)) on the basis of written submissions are available in room S-2950.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 24 November 1999

GROUP OF 77
(on the political declaration on "Women 2000")

9.30 a.m.-11.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(coordination meeting: on all environmental issues)

1.15 p.m.-2.15 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(coordination meeting: on all pending issues)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1
6 p.m.-8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

ASIAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

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Special meeting

The closed meeting of an Ad Hoc Expert Group on "Revisiting the Diversification of African Economies in the New Global Context", organized by the Office of the Special Coordinator for Africa and the Least Developed Countries (OSCAL) of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in collaboration with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), will continue *today*, 24 November, 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8 and from 2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9. The meeting will be chaired by Dr. Ademola Oyedije, Professor of Economics at the University of Ibadan (Nigeria) and former member of the Committee for Development Policy. For further information, please contact Ms. Leslie Wade (tel: (212) 963- 4420).

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Seminar

There will be a seminar on "Politmetrics: Indicators and Measurements of Social Integration", organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, *today*, 24 November 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber and from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Dr. Monty G. Marshall, Senior Research Associate, Center for International Development and Conflict Management, University of Maryland, will be the main speaker. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Announcement

As from Monday, 1 November 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

[No meetings are scheduled at Headquarters on Thursday, 25 November 1999, *official holiday*.]

Friday, 26 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (b)

The delegation of Canada invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Assistance for humanitarian relief, rehabilitation, and development for East Timor", to be held on Monday, 29 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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The third session of the Preparatory Commission for the International Criminal Court will be held from 29 November to 17 December 1999, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 53/105 of 10 December 1998.

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International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold a solemn meeting from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, 29 November 1999, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/40 B of 2 December 1977.

All representatives of Member States, United Nations bodies and agencies, as well as observers, are invited to attend. Messages of solidarity should be sent to room S-3362 (United Nations Headquarters).

Exhibit

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a Palestinian art exhibit entitled "Follow the Star: Images from the Palestinian City of Bethlehem at the New Millennium", in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibit will be displayed from Monday, 29 November, to Sunday, 12 December 1999, at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

The formal opening of the exhibit will be held on Monday, 29 November 1999, at 6 p.m. in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

Screening of films

Also in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of the films entitled "Yoom ilak, Yoom aleik: Palestinian Refugees from Jerusalem, 1948: Heritage, Eviction and Hope", and "Mahmoud Darwish: As The Land is The Language." Both films will be shown on Monday, 29 November,1 p.m. at the Dag Hammarksjöld Library Auditorium. The film on Mahmoud Darwish can be viewed at the exhibit area from Tuesday, 30 November, to Friday, 10 December, during exhibit hours.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Economic and Social Council, to consider all outstanding matters, will take place on Thursday, 9 December 1999, at 10.30 a.m. Informal consultations on pending issues will take place on Monday, 6 December, at 10 a.m. The conference room will be announced.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETING OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Special presentation

There will be a presentation on "Social Policy in a Development Context" by Mr. Thandika Mkandawire, Director of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD), on Friday, 3 December 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. The meeting, to be chaired by H.E. Mr. Cristian Maquieira (Chile), is organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Fei Cheng (tel.: (212) 963-7882).

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Briefing

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council. The course will be held from Monday, 6 to Wednesday, 15 December 1999.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to the permanent missions of all States that will be members of the Council in the year 2000. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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Workshops

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing, jointly with the German Management Academy (DMAN) and with support from the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE), the second session in the series entitled "Public-Private Partnerships for Sustainable Development". Session II will be on "Financing for Development Through Public-Private Partnership." The workshop will be held on the following dates: Tuesday, 7 December 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Wednesday, 8 December, from 9.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note, a nomination form and a draft programme, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Tuesday, 30 November 1999. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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There will be a technical workshop, organized by the Department for Disarmament Affairs, in collaboration with the Program on Security and Development (SAND) of the Monterrey Institute of International Studies (MIIS) and the Bonn International Center for Conversion (BICC), on Tuesday, 7 December 1999, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 7, to discuss a draft Light Weapons Field Guide for Development and Humanitarian Relief Workers being developed by SAND and BICC. The workshop will be chaired by the Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs, Mr. Jayantha Dhanapala. Members of permanent missions and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. Copies of the draft Field Guide may be retrieved from the office of Mr. David Biggs, Conventional Arms Branch, Department for Disarmament Affairs (room S-3170G; tel.: (212) 963-5598).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 22 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE 55th meeting

Human rights questions [116]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolutions

A/C.3/54/L.79

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

A statement was made by the representative of South Africa (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and China).

The representative of the United States requested a recorded vote on the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 101 to 47, with 6 abstentions.

A statement was made by the representative of Senegal.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Eritrea regarding their votes.

A/C.3/54/L.84

Statements were made by the representative of South Africa, on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and China and Finland, after which the Committee agreed to postpone action on the draft resolution to the 56th meeting.

Human rights questions [116]

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.81 and amendments contained in A/C.3/54/L.93

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Finland orally revised the draft resolution and announced that Andorra, Australia, Canada, Iceland, Israel, Japan, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Romania and Slovakia had joined as sponsors of the draft resolution.

The representative of the Sudan withdrew the amendments contained in A/C.3/54/L.93.

The representative of the United States requested a recorded vote on the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union) and Iraq.

The draft resolution, as orally revised, was adopted by a recorded vote of 81 to 28, with 42 abstentions.

Before the vote, statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of the Sudan and the United States; after the vote, statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of Norway and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

Subsequently, a statement was made by the representative of Japan.

56th meeting

Human rights questions [116]

(c) *Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives*

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolutions

A/C.3/54/L.82 and amendments contained in A/C.3/54/L.97

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out the oral revisions that had been made to the draft resolution at the time of its introduction.

The representative of the United States further orally revised the draft resolution and announced that Croatia, Israel and Poland had joined as sponsors.

A statement was made by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic.

The representative of the Russian Federation withdrew the amendments contained in A/C.3/54/L.97 and requested a recorded vote on the draft resolution.

The draft resolution was adopted, as further orally revised, by a recorded vote of 101 to 3, with 36 abstentions.

Before the vote, a statement in explanation of vote was made by the representative of Cuba. Subsequently, statements were made by the representatives of China and Japan.

A/C.3/54/L.86 and amendments contained in A/C.3/54/L.96

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of the United States further orally revised the draft resolution and announced that Austria, Belgium, Canada, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Morocco, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom had joined as sponsors.

Subsequently, Andorra, Iceland, Ireland, Jordan, Liechtenstein, Malta, Monaco and San Marino joined as sponsors of the draft resolution.

A statement was made by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Russian Federation withdrew the amendments in A/C.3/54/L.96 and requested a recorded vote on section III and sections I and II jointly of the draft resolution.

The Committee decided to retain section III of the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 105 to 3, with 26 abstentions.

The Committee decided to retain sections I and II of the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 107 to none, with 28 abstentions.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as further orally revised, by a recorded vote of 112 to 2, with 26 abstentions.

After the vote, a statement in explanation of vote as made by the representative of Croatia.

A/C.3/54/L.63

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Finland further orally revised the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, who requested a recorded vote on the draft resolution, Finland, Rwanda, Uganda and Burundi.

The draft resolution, as further orally revised, was adopted by a recorded vote of 80 to 8, with 47 abstentions.

The Committee concluded its consideration of the sub-item.

Human rights questions [116]

b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolutions

A/C.3/54/L.62 and amendments contained in A/C.3/54/L.101

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran orally revised the draft resolution and announced that El Salvador, Indonesia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Morocco had joined as sponsors of the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Kenya joined as a sponsor of the draft resolution.

The representative of Finland withdrew the amendments contained in A/C.3/54/L.101.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Japan.

A/C.3/54/L.84

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of South Africa (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and China) orally revised the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

A/C.3/54/L.85

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

A statement was made by the representative of South Africa (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and China).

The representative of Finland (on behalf of the European Union) requested a recorded vote jointly on the eighth and thirteenth preambular paragraphs and operative paragraphs 3 (c), 3 (e), 13, 21 and 22.

A statement was made by the representative of Chile.

A statement in explanation of vote before the vote was made by the representative of Norway.

The representative of the Russian Federation requested a recorded vote on the paragraphs individually.

The Committee decided to retain the eighth preambular paragraph by a recorded vote of 90 to 39, with 2 abstentions.

The Committee decided to retain the thirteenth preambular paragraph by a recorded vote of 91 to 40, with no abstentions.

The Committee decided to retain operative paragraph 3 (c) by a recorded vote of 94 to 38, with 2 abstentions.

The Committee decided to retain operative paragraph 3 (e) by a recorded vote of 96 to 36, with no abstentions.

The Committee decided to retain operative paragraph 13 by a recorded vote of 92 to 41, with no abstentions.

The Committee decided to retain operative paragraph 21 by a recorded vote of 90 to 41, with 2 abstentions.

The Committee decided to retain operative paragraph 22 by a recorded vote of 93 to 39, with 0 abstentions.

The representative of the Congo made a statement regarding his vote.

Statements were made by the representatives of Australia, Canada, Algeria and Pakistan.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 98 to 10, with 32 abstentions.

Before the vote, a statement in explanation of vote was made by the representative of Japan.

Subsequently, a statement was made by the representative of Finland (on behalf of the European Union).

Draft decision

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to take note of several reports under sub-items (b) and (e).

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of item 116 as a whole.

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [114]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

A/54/18 and Add.1

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (A/54/18). It also decided to refer the issue contained in decision 4/55 of the report back to the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination for further consideration, in the light of the information contained in A/54/18/Add.1.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 114.

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

Draft biennial programme of work of the Committee (document A/C.3/54/L.100)

The Chief of the Documentation Programming and Monitoring Unit of the Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services introduced and orally revised the document.

Following statements by the representatives of Algeria, Slovenia and Mongolia, the Committee adopted the draft biennial programme of work for 2000-2001, as orally revised and corrected.

Draft decision

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to take note of the report of the Economic and Social Council, contained in document A/54/3, in particular chapters I, III, IV, V, VII (sections A, C, and I) and chapter IX, which were allocated to the Third Committee.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 12.

Conclusion of the work of the Third Committee

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, Algeria (on behalf of the group of African States), Viet Nam (on behalf of the group of Asian States), Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the group of Latin American and Caribbean States), Finland (on behalf of the European Union) and Croatia (on behalf of the group of Eastern European States).

The Chairman declared the work of the Committee for the fifty-fourth session completed.

Tuesday, 23 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE 37th meeting

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [160]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.15/Rev.1

The Coordinator introduced and orally amended draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.15/Rev.1.

Statements were made by the Syrian Arab Republic and Lebanon.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.15/Rev.1, as orally amended, by a vote of 116 to none, with 3 abstentions.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Sudan, Lebanon, Pakistan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Cuba, the United States, Ghana, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, Benin, Togo, Côte d'Ivoire, the Congo and Yemen.

The Committee this concluded its consideration of agenda item 160.

Conclusion of the work of the Sixth Committee

The Legal Counsel made a statement.

The Chairman made a concluding statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Trinidad and Tobago (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States), Viet Nam (on behalf of the Asian States), the United States (on behalf of the Western European and Other States), Croatia (on behalf of the Eastern European States) and Algeria (on behalf of the African States).

The Sixth Committee thus concluded its work.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Twenty-first session
United Nations Office at Geneva

TUESDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 1999

40th meeting

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

The Committee concluded the public part of its consideration of the initial report of Armenia (E/1990/5/Add.36).

In accordance with rule 62 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meeting and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

41st meeting

The Committee held a preliminary discussion of the concluding observations regarding the initial report of Armenia (E/1990/5/Add.36) in closed session.

The Committee then began the public part of its consideration of the initial report of Cameroon (E/1990/5/Add.35).

In accordance with rule 62 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meeting and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

World AIDS Day

An observance of World AIDS Day will be held on Wednesday, 1 December 1999, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The theme is "The Children Left Behind," children who have been orphaned by the AIDS-related deaths of one or both parents. Speakers include the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General, United States First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, H.M. Queen Noor Al Hussein of Jordan and UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador Harry Belafonte. Three children orphaned by AIDS, from the United States, Uganda and Thailand, will tell their stories to Children's Express Reporter Alexandra Burke, followed by two panels: "Child care, Child welfare and clinical issues" and "Finance and funding issues". The observance is co-sponsored by Department of Public Information (DPI), the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS, Inc. (BLCA), the Magic Johnson Foundation, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the World Bank, the White House Office of National AIDS Policy and the Global Health Council. Delegations and accredited media are welcome; Secretariat staff and NGOs will be admitted, space permitting, to the public gallery.

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